

Advisory Council on Aging and Disability Services

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Draft Minutes September 12, 2003 Monthly Meeting

ADVISORY COUNCIL

Present Cleo Corcoran, Martha Becker, Joanne Brekke, Gabe Cohen, Thelma Coney, Timmie Faghin, John Holecek, Adam John, John Kennedy, Will Parry, Helen Spencer, Alexandra Tu, and Larry Verhei
Excused Yolanda Sanchez-Lovato, Larry Low, Suzanne Wiley, and Lisa Yeager
Absent Steve Colwell and Richard McIver
Guests Rep Ross Hunter, Lisa Mayfield, Don Moreland, Nathaniel Bolden, Nobu Ishida, Pinky Herrera
ADS Staff Pam Piering, Rosemary Cunningham, Linda Wells, Margaret Casey, Karen Winston and Ozell Bledsoe
United Way Staff Linda Woodall

MINUTES

Cleo Corcoran, Chair, convened the Advisory Council meeting at 12:00 p.m. and asked everyone in attendance to introduce themselves. Cleo introduced special guest, State Representative Ross Hunter (D) 48th Legislative District and speakers Rosemary Cunningham, Planning Unit Supervisor, Aging & Disability Services and Karen Winston, Planner, ADS.

Program Focus: Review of 2004 – 07 Area Plan on Aging

See complete Area Plan on website: www.advisorycouncil.org

Rosemary provided a power point presentation highlighting key components of the 2004 – 07 Area Plan process, goals and issue areas including:

- The community input process including four public hearings that were held in different areas of the county to present the Draft Area Plan and to get public feedback and answer questions.
- The Area Plan highlights goals for area seniors, summarizes annual budget of \$58 million in federal, state and local resources, and lists planned levels of service.
- Trends to watch such as in suburbs- the 60+ population will almost double during the next 20 years, the number of 85+ residents is already climbing fast, and there is an increasing number of people of color in the 60+ cohort.

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- Graphs and maps depicting demographics of the King County 60+ and 75+ populations, 1990-2025, 60+ populations by sub regions (Seattle, South Urban, East Urban, North Urban, South Rural and Vashon), and the 85+ populations.

Rosemary and Karen Winston highlighted the four key areas of an Elder Friendly Community including the objectives and the community indicators for each of these areas:

- Basic Needs
- Health & Well Being
- Social & Civic Engagement
- Independence for Frail & People Disabilities

A motion was put forward to accept the Draft Area Plan as presented.

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded and passed that the Draft Area Plan be accepted as presented.

BUSINESS MEETING

2003 Nominations Committee Election

- A slate of three names was placed into nomination for a City appointee on the 2003 Nominating Committee. Ballots were distributed and members voted. A count of the votes revealed Joanne Brekke has been selected to serve on the 2003 Nominations Committee.

Action Taken: It was moved, seconded and passed that the July 11, 2003 minutes be approved as submitted.

Committee and Task Force Reports:

- **Planning and Allocation** **Thelma Coney**
 - **Thelma Coney** reported the P&A Committee reviewed the preliminary 2004 discretionary allocation recommendations which sustained reductions in discretionary funding including, nutrition and transportation. She reported three key issues were identified for an increase in funding in the draft Area Plan:
 1. Elder abuse gatekeeper program
 2. Depression
 3. Chronic disease management (diabetes and hypertension) program.
 She recommended the approval of the P & A committee preliminary 2004 discretionary allocation recommendations as presented.

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded and passed that the P & A Committee Preliminary 2004 Discretionary Allocation Recommendations be accepted as submitted.

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- **Outreach and Advocacy Committee**

Gabe Cohen

- **Gabe** reported the Outreach & Advocacy Committee reviewed their annual agenda priorities and W4a legislative agenda items. He reported the committee has selected several areas of primary focus including: prescription drug program, advocating for increased homecare worker wages, advocating for stable Senior Citizens Services Act funding, advocating for decreased case manager caseloads, advocating for no new eligibility restrictions for Medicaid recipients, and advocating for adequate funding for Seattle Housing Authority and King Housing Authority. He suggested the AC invite a representative from the Low-Income Housing Alliance to update members on current issues. Gabe reported on Senate Bill 274 regarding Consumer Class Action legislation, which would “limit the right of citizens to hold out-of-state companies accountable for violations of state law, heard by state judges, instate courts” and would “result in shifting virtually all class action cases to federal courts. This would exponentially increase the case loads of the already overburdened federal courts, thereby delaying or, in some cases, denying the victims of civil rights violations or other discriminatory practices their day in court”. He recommended the Advisory Council oppose Senate Bill 274 and authorize writing a letter urging both Washington Senators to oppose Senate Bill 274.

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded and passed that a letter be written and sent to both Washington Senators urging them to oppose Senate Bill 274.

- **Health Care Task Force**

Martha Becker

- **Martha Becker** recommended the Advisory Council endorse the ‘Statement on an In-Home Alternative to Nursing Home Care for the Medically Needy’ which “calls on the Governor and Legislature to end the requirement that medically needy individuals must leave their homes in order to get State help with long-term care.” She urged that the Advisory Council’s name be added to a list of organizations supporting this statement. She also reported that a workshop focusing on Substance Abuse in the Elderly will be Wednesday, September 24, 2003 and encouraged members to attend.

Action Taken: It was moved/seconded and passed that the Advisory Council’s name be added to the list of organizations endorsing the “Statement on an In-Home Alternative to Nursing Home Care for the Medically Needy”.

- **Director’s Report**

Pam Piering

- ADS Director Pam Piering reported that Rep. Ross Hunter contacted ADS requesting to attend an Advisory Council Meeting because he wanted to learn more about the Advisory Council and its mission. She said he has agreed to join Pam on a Case Manager’s client home visit. Pam announced two upcoming conferences: 1) a W4a Advisory Council Conference on October 23rd at Best

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Western Southcenter Hotel and 2) the Senior Lobby Day Conference October 24th at the Airport Hilton Hotel. She welcomed and encouraged members to attend one or both conferences.

- Joanne Brekke announced that she has been selected as Advisory Council representative to the Washington State Advisory Council in Olympia.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

Day/Date: **Friday, November 14, 2003**

Time: **11:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

Place: **New City Hall**

Boards & Commissions Room L280

700 Fifth Avenue

Seattle, WA 98104

Will Parry, Vice-Chair /APPROVED _____

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